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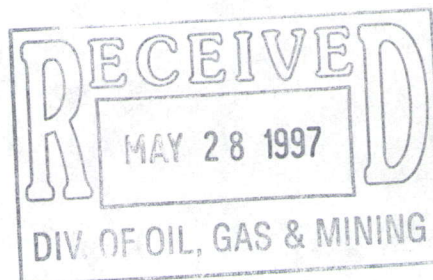
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May 21, 1997

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Dear Mr. Gochmour:

Subject: Lisbon Valley Copper Project - Permit No. UGW370005; Request for Extension of Deadline for Monitoring Well Installation

Pursuant to your letter of April 11, 1997, on the behalf of Summo USA Corporation (Summo), your request for an extension of the 120 day period for the installation of a ground water monitoring well in Little Valley is hereby granted. The well is to be located near the proposed location for the heap leach pads and process ponds. The original deadline for installation of the monitoring well was May 16, 1997, 120 days from the issuance date of the permit. The requested extension is until July 15, 1997, approximately two additional months. The reason given for this request is that the 30 day appeal period for the Bureau of Land Management permit for the project did not expire until May 2, 1997. This date is significantly later than what was expected when the ground water permit was issued. Since project funding is contingent upon final attainment of all permits, Summo asserts it is unable to fund the monitoring well construction until such a time that all permit matters are finalized.

The actual construction and operation of the proposed facilities will also be delayed by the same funding contingencies delaying the installation of the well. Delaying the installation of the well therefore will not significantly alter the rationale for the installation and accelerated monitoring of the required well. This means that in our judgement sufficient time will be available between the time the well is installed and before any potential impacts to ground water can occur. Establishment of "background" for purposes of the permit will not be impeded. As a reminder the conditions of the permit, Part II.H.2.b, require submittal and approval of a drilling plan prior to installation of the well. It is therefore advisable to submit the drilling plan at least 30 days in advance of the scheduled drilling activities.



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If you have any questions regarding this letter, or other conditions of your permit please contact Dennis Frederick at (801) 538-6038.

Sincerely,

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